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1. VERBATIM TEXT OF REMARKS TO THE PRESS BY SECRETARY OF
STATE-DESIGNATE VANCE FOLLOWING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
SECRETARY ON DECEMBER 15 FOLLOW:

Q- DID YOU ACTUALLY MEET WITH THE SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR
(INAUDIBLE)?

MR. VANCE: YES, I DID.

Q: WAS THAT JUST A SINGLE MEETING?

MR: VANCE: JUST A SINGLE MEETING, YES.

Q: DID HE GIVE YOU THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
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INCREASE IN OIL PRICES?

MR: VANCE: I REALLY DON'T WANT TO COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE
OF THE CONVERSATION.

Q: I SEE. HAVE YOU BEEN SEEING A VARIETY OF AMBASSADORS,

NOW?

MR. VANCE: I HAVE SEEN SEVERAL AMBASSADORS, YES.

Q: PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S INSTRUCTIONS?

MR. VANCE: NO. PURSUANT TO REQUESTS, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN SET UP BEFORE I CAME DOWN.

Q: COULD YOU GIVE US SOME COMMENT ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THE OIL -- THE FIRST INDICATIONS THAT THERE MAY NOT BE A VERY LARGE OIL INCREASE OVER THERE IN THIS OPEC MEETING?

MR. VANCE: WELL I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT'S TRUE. IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT IT WILL BE KEPT TO NOTHING OR TO A VERY SMALL AMOUNT. --

Q: MR. VANCE, BEFORE YOUR MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER YOU INDICATED YOU WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY.

MR. VANCE: YES, WE DID.

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US ANY FEELING ABOUT HOW THAT WENT, AND WHAT YOUR FEELINGS ARE AT THIS TIME?

MR. VANCE: NO, ALL WE DID -- I TRIED TO GET CAUGHT UP ON THE HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IN MOST OF MY DISCUSSIONS
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WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER -- TO GET FILLED IN ON THE BACKGROUND OF WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST IN EACH OF THESE AREAS. WE ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN GREECE, TURKEY, AND CYPRUS. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE AFRICAN SITUATION. AND HE AND I ARE GOING TO MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY; MEETING AT 12 O'CLOCK AND WE'LL RUN TO ABOUT 3 O'CLOCK, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO PICK UP AGAIN AT 4:00 PROBABLY FOR ANOTHER COUPLE OF HOURS. SO RIGHT NOW I'M TRYING TO EDUCATE MYSELF AS MUCH AS I CAN ON WHAT'S TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST.

2. TEXT OF VOA REPORT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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